

## AMENDMENT

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1. Canceled.

Claim 2. Canceled.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 2, wherein said composition comprises~~  
A method of treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising applying to the skin of patients afflicted with such disorders a topical composition comprising an amount of about 2-10% nicotinamide by weight and about .005-0.7% nicotinic acid by weight.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein said composition comprises about 3-7% nicotinamide by weight and about .05-0.2% nicotinic acid by weight.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A method of treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising adding to the composition of Claim [[1]] 3 one or more additional ~~other~~ known acne treatment agents.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5 wherein said one or more additional ~~other~~ known acne treatment agents are selected from the group consisting of clindamycin, erythromycin, retinoic acid, benzoyl peroxide, salicylic acid, azelaic acid, tazarotene, and metronidazole.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn) A topical composition effective for treating acne vulgaris and acne rosacea comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an amount of nicotinamide in combination with less than 1% by weight of nicotinic acid, the resulting formulation being more effective than said amount of nicotinamide by itself.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 7, wherein said composition comprises about 1-12% nicotinamide by weight.

- Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition comprises about 2-10% nicotinamide by weight and about .005-0.7% nicotinic acid by weight.
- Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 9, wherein said composition comprises about 3-7% nicotinamide by weight and about .05-0.2% nicotinic acid by weight..
- Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 7 wherein other known acne treatment agents are included in the composition.
- Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 9 wherein the other known acne treatment agents are selected from the group consisting of clindamycin, erythromycin, retinoic acid, benzoyl peroxide, salicylic acid, azelaic acid, tazarotene, and metronidazole.
- Claim 13. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition comprises about 4% nicotinamide and about 0.1% nicotinic acid by weight.
- Claim 14. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition comprises about 4% nicotinamide and about 0.05% nicotinic acid by weight.
- Claim 15. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is applied at least once a day.
- Claim 16. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is an emulsion.
- Claim 17. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is a cream.
- Claim 18. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is a gel.
- Claim 19. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the composition is a lotion.